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BOXCAR
EVENT SUMMARY

DATE: 26 April 1968
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:00.0Z
YIELD:
MAGNITUDE: UNIFIED: 6.42 ± 0.45
EVERNDEN: 6.14 ± 0.40
LOCATION: Nevada Test Site (NTS), Area U20i
GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: $37^{\circ} 17' 44.0''$ N
Longitude: $116^{\circ} 27' 21.0''$ W
SHOT ENVIRONMENT: GEOLOGIC MEDIUM: Rhyolite
SURFACE ELEVATION: 6770 ft.
SHOT DEPTH: 3800 ft.
NUMBER OF STATIONS REPORTING: 23

COMPUTED EPICENTER:

METHOD 1 (LOCATE)

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: $37^{\circ} 16' 33.6''$ N
Longitude: $116^{\circ} 32' 24.0''$ W
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:00.6Z
DEPTH CONSTRAINED TO: 0 Km
EPICENTER SHIFT: 5.1 Km S63 $^{\circ}$ W

METHOD 2 (HYPO 1)

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: $37^{\circ} 16' 51.6''$ N
Longitude: $116^{\circ} 31' 26.4''$ W
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:01.1Z
DEPTH CONSTRAINED TO: 0 Km
EPICENTER SHIFT: 7.7 Km S78 $^{\circ}$ W

INTRODUCTION

Under Project Vela-Uniform, and the Long Range Seismic Measurement (LRSM) Program, several seismographic observatories were established to record seismological data generated by natural seismic activity and U.S. underground nuclear tests. The LRSM teams are mobile and occupy locations selected to provide optimum coverage for events of special interest; the observatories, permanent installations, are listed below:

Wichita Mountains Seismological Observatory (WMSO)
Lawton, Oklahoma

Uinta Basin Seismological Observatory (UBSO)
Vernal, Utah

Tonto Forest Seismological Observatory (TFSO)
Payson, Arizona

Large Aperture Seismic Array (LASA)
Billings, Montana

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of data resulting from the BOXCAR event as recorded by the LRSM teams and the VELA observatories.

STATIONS REPORTING

A total of 23 network stations from 190 to 4400 kilometers recorded at the time of the BOXCAR event. A list of these stations, together with pertinent recording site information, is listed in Table 1. These recording sites and the NTS shot site are shown in Figure 1.

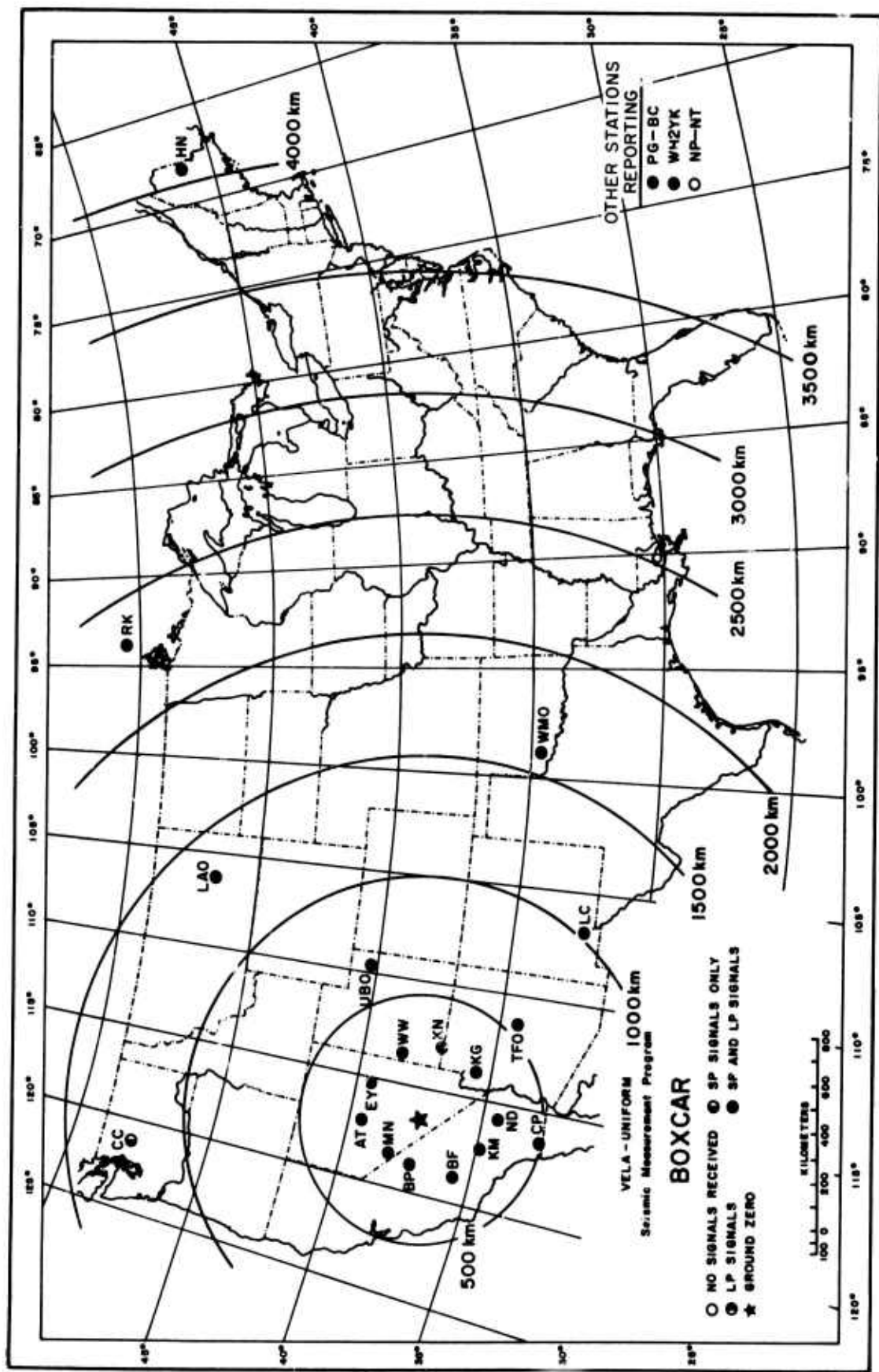
CODE	STATION	DISTANCE (KM)	GEOGRAPHIC LATITUDE	GEOGRAPHIC LONGITUDE	ELEV. (KM)	COMPUTED AZIMUTH		INSTALLED AZIMUTH		SP INST.	LP
						EPI. STA.	STA. EPI.				
MN-NV	Mina, Nevada	195	38°26'10" N	118°08'53" W	1.52	311°	130°	308°	38°	L	**
BP-CL	Bishop, California	198	37°21'36" N	118°41'25" W	2.32	273°	91°	274°	4°	PS	**
AT-NV	Austin, Nevada	249	39°28'53" N	117°04'26" W	1.98	348°	167°	343°	73°	PS	**
EY-NV	Ely, Nevada	255	39°24'36" N	115°18'46" W	2.01	23°	203°	18°	108°	PS	**
KM-CL	Kramer, California	277	34°52'52" N	117°15'24" W	0.85	195°	15°	200°	290°	PS	**
BF-CL	Bakersfield, California	282	35°38'53" N	118°51'27" W	0.57	230°	49°	234°	324°	PS	**
WM-UT	Wah Wah Mountains, Utah	286	38°30'50" N	113°35'20" W	1.83	61°	243°	58°	148°	PS	**
KG-AZ	Kingman, Arizona	293	35°38'30" N	113°54'28" W	1.07	128°	310°	130°	220°	PS	**
ND-CL	Needles, California	310	34°35'57" N	115°33'05" W	0.37	164°	145°	169°	259°	PS	**
KN-UT	Kenab, Utah	324	37°01'22" N	112°49'39" W	1.74	94°	276°	95°	185°	L	**
CP-CL	Campo, California	507	32°43'44" N	116°22'16" W	1.19	179°	359°	182°	272°	PS	**
*TF50-Z60	Tonto Forest Observatory, Arizona	576	34°17'12" N	111°16'03" W	1.49	124°	307°	90°	0°	JM	**
*UB50-Z10	Uinta Basin Observatory, Utah	686	40°19'18" N	109°34'07" W	1.60	59°	243°	90°	0°	JM	**
LC-NM	Las Cruces, New Mexico	1051	32°24'08" N	106°35'58" W	1.59	118°	304°	133°	223°	S	**
CC-WA	Cascade Tunnel, Washington	1224	47°46'09" N	121°05'01" W	1.04	343°	160°	311°	41°	PS	
*LA0	Subarray A0-10, Montana	1343	46°41'19" N	106°13'20" W	0.90	36°	223°	0°	90°	HS	**
*WMS0-Z6	Wichita Mountain Observatory, Oklahoma	1634	34°43'05" N	98°35'21" W	0.51	95°	285°	90°	0°	JM	**
*PG-BC	Prince George, British Columbia, Canada	1915	53°59'50" N	122°31'23" W	0.1	348°	163°	110°	200°	L	**
RK-ON	Rad Lake, Ontario, Canada	2350	50°50'20" N	93°40'20" W	0.37	43°	239°	58°	148°	S	**
WH2YK	Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada	2913	60°41'41" N	134°58'02" W	0.85	339°	145°	325°	55°	L	**
HN-ME	Houlton, Maine	4086	46°09'43" N	67°59'09" W	0.21	60°	274°	93°	183°	S	**
*SV308	Schaffarville, Northwest Territories, Canada	4199	54°48'39" N	66°45'00" W	0.58	46°	263°	139°	229°	S	**
NP-NT	Mould Bay, Northwest Territories, Canada	4345	76°15'08" N	119°22'18" W	0.06	359°	176°	356°	86°	JMZ S	**

* Seismometers Not Oriented Toward N.T.S.
L Large Benioff
S Small Benioff
JM Johnson-Matheson

HS Hall Sears
PS Geotech Portable System
** Long Period Instrument at Site

RECORDING SITE INFORMATION - BOXCAR

TABLE 1



SHOT AND RECORDING STATION LOCATIONS-BOXCAR

Figure 1

INSTURMENTATION AND PROCEDURE

The instrumentation at LRSM locations consists of three-component short-period and long-period seismographs. In general, data are recorded on 35 millimeter film and one-inch 14-channel magnetic tape, although recently, more portable instrumentation has been incorporated which records only on magnetic tape. All stations are equipped to record WWV continuously. Calibration at operational settings is accomplished once each day and prior to each shot. Information for analysis of LRSM data is available to qualified users and is contained in Technical Report 65-43, "Interpretations and Usage of Seismic Data, LRSM Program" (AD 488-352). General information on LRSM van and portable system equipment and operation is given in Technical Reports 66-27, "The LRSM Mobile Seismological Laboratory" (AD 480-343), and 65-74, "A Portable Seismograph" (AD 488-144). These reports may be obtained from the Defense Documentation Center.

Standard distance factors, (B), are given in the Appendix; Magnitudes determined using these factors are shown in Figure 2. Adjusted magnitudes for less than 16° are computed using a method described by Evernden*, and averaged with the standard results for distances greater than 16° . (Figure 3).

Hypocenter location programs are used to determine the shot location. Values of latitude, longitude, and time or origin are determined statistically by several methods utilizing least-squares techniques. The computational methods use P-wave arrivals with shot depth constrained to zero.

*Evernden, J.F., Magnitude Determination at Regional and Near Regional Distances in the United States, AFTAC/VELA Seismological Center Technical Report VU-65-4A, (1965), pp. 6, 13.

DATA

Table 2 summarizes time and amplitude data for principle phases from the BOXCAR event as observed at the LRSM and VELA stations. Included are Pn and P arrival times, maximum amplitudes (A/T) of the Pn and P motions, and times and amplitudes for other phases observed on the records for the short-period instruments. Long-period Love and Rayleigh wave motion are also tabulated. In addition, the individual station Rayleigh wave areas (mm^2) as measured on the LPZ are included. Although reduced to 1K magnification, these areas have not been normalized for magnitude.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The unified magnitudes determined from the LRSM and VELA observatories are shown in Figure 2. The average magnitude is 6.42 ± 0.45 (one standard deviation). The adjusted unified magnitude (Figure 3) is 6.14 ± 0.40 (one standard deviation).

REPRESENTATIVE SEISMOGRAMS

Illustrative seismograms showing signals recording at KG-AZ (293 km), CP-CL (507 km), PG-BC (1915 km), and SV3QB (4199 km) are included in the report jacket.

BOXCAR
18 April 1968
18:00:00, 0.2

CODE	STATION	DIST ANCE (KM)	INST.	MAGNI- TUDINE (M) PILW 10	PHASE	TRAVEL TIME				PERIOD (SEC)	MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE A/T (0-7)	MAGNITUDE (m)		AREA (mm ²) LPZ
						OBSERVED		COMPUTED (J-B)						
						(MIN)	(SEC)	(MIN)	(SEC)					
MB-NV	Mine, Nevada	186	SPZ	0.13	Pn		31.6		32.08	0.6	23,652	8.53	8.18 _{7,8}	62,000.00
			SPZ	0.08*	Pg		33.1			0.6	201,366			
			SPT	0.11	Lg					1.1	303,886			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	0.036	L0					(0.6)	(318,287)			
SP-CL	Nijhop, California	168	SPZ	**	Pn		32.0		32.85	0.8		8.85	8.78 _{7,8}	
			SPZ	**	Pg		33.8			0.88				
			SPT	**	Lg					(0.78)				
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ		L0					---	---			
AT-NV	Austin, Nevada	248	SPZ	0.18	Pn		38.0		38.03	0.5	34,222	8.85	8.78 _{7,8}	7,088.25
			SPZ	0.096*	Pg		57.0			0.4	123,200			
			SPT	0.18*	Lg					0.8	63,211			
			LPT	0.33	LQ					13.0	15,043			
			LPZ	0.35	L0					15.0	22,768			
EY-NV	Ely, Nevada	256	SPZ	0.16*	Pn	(38.5)			38.88	(0.48)	(12,880)	(8.58)	(8.28) _{7,8}	35,115.00
			SPZ	0.18*	Pg	45.0				0.7	100,287			
			SPT	0.16*	Lg					0.8	34,167			
			LPT	0.87	LQ					11.0	11,393			
			LPZ	0.08	LN					(18.0)	(83,859)			
RN-CL	Ramer, California	277	SPZ	DATA QUESTIONABLE										
			SPT	0.31	Lg					0.8	3,472			
			LPT	1.78	LQ					7.0	20,848			
			LPZ		LN					---	---			
BF-CL	Bakersfield, California	282	SPZ	2.18*	Pr		42.9		43.23	0.8	2,708	8.90	8.81 _{7,9}	5,678.00
			SPZ	2.18*	Pg	(48.2)				(0.7)	(8,823)			
			SPT	3.88*	Lg					(1.0)	(2,984)			
			LPT	0.50	LQ					18.0	3,851			
			LPZ	0.20	LN					18.0	8,889			
MB-UT	Moh Moh Mountains, Utah	286	SP	**										3,205.13
			LPT	0.21	LQ					13.0	8,880			
			LPZ	0.078	L0					(18.0)	(13,288)			
KB-AZ	Kingman, Arizona	283	SPZ	0.88	Pn	(44.2)			55.68	0.38	16,938	8.74	8.84 _{7,9}	7,250.00
			SPZ	0.66	e	(45.1)				0.4	11,850			
			SPZ	6.12*	Pg	(48.7)				0.7	103,708			
			SPT	0.14	Lg					1.0	38,288			
			LPT	0.89	LQ					12.0	8,239			
HO-CL	Hoodles, California	310	SPZ	5.78	Pn	(58.8)			48.76	0.78	2,872	8.80	8.75 _{7,9}	10,333.33
			SPZ	0.43*	Pg	61.3				0.76	38,843			
			SPT	0.30*	Lg					1.0	71,887			
			LPT	0.13	LQ					12.0	28,846			
			LPZ	0.12	LN					13.0	67,517			
KN-UT	Kanab, Utah	325	SPZ	0.43	Pn		57.8		48.85	0.8	11,119	8.71	8.58 _{7,9}	3,073.88
			SPZ	0.53	e		49.3			(0.5)	(7,577)			
			SPZ	0.18*	Pg		54.8			0.6	113,833			
			SPT	0.432	Lg					(1.0)	(58,028)			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
CP-CL	Campo, California	307	SPZ	1.6	Pn	1	11.3	1	11.83	0.5	883	8.35	8.03 _{7,8}	840.00
			SPZ	1.6	e	1	11.9			0.48	8,108			
			SPZ	1.6	Pg	1	28.5			1.1	14,783			
			SPT	2.0	Lg					1.0	7,500			
			LPT	0.48	LQ					12.0	13,732			
T750	Tonto Forest Observatory Arizona	576	SPZ-60	5.5	Pn	1	20.3	1	20.73	0.38	584	8.18	5.93 _{7,8}	7,500.00
			SPZ-60	5.8	e	1	20.8			0.8	806			
			SPZ-60	5.5	e	1	27.1			(0.6)	(1,840)			
			SPZ-60	0.6	Pg	1	38.1			0.9	7,099			
			SPN	0.92	Lg					1.3	9,585			
			SPE	1.0	Lg					1.3	8,820			
			LPH	0.84	LQ					(14.0)	(3,522)			
			LPE	0.82	LQ					14.0	2,849			
			LPT	0.07	LN					15.0	18,888			

ARRIVAL TIMES AND AMPLITUDES - BOXCAR
TABLE 2

CODE	STATION	DISTANCE (km)	INST.	MAGNIFI- CATION (x)	PULSE FILM & 10	PHASE	TRACE		TIME		PERIOD (SEC)	MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE A/T (0-P)	HEIGHTS (m)		AREA (mm ²) LPZ
							OBSERVED		COMPUTED (2-3)				Hs	Ho	
							(min)	(SEC)	(min)	(SEC)					
UBSO	Utase Gable Observatory, Utah	500	SPZ-10	0.0	P ₀	1	36.1	1	34.70	1.0	4,550	7.20	0.07 _{0.5}	4,000.00	
			SPZ-10	0.50	P ₀	1	55.0			0.7	10,964				
			SP0	0.50	L ₀					1.2	11,163				
			SP6	0.50	L ₀					1.2	8,730				
			LP0	0.2E	L ₀					17.0	3,302				
			LP6	0.2	L ₀					17.0	2,049				
			LPZ	0.2	L ₀					10.0	3,700				
LC-MH	Los Cruces, New Mexico	1051	SPZ	7.40	P ₀	2	(20.0)	2	20.00	0.5	24.2	5.63	5.23 _{7.9}	991.37	
			SPZ	7.40	e	2	21.9			0.0	180				
			SPZ	7.40	e	2	32.2			1.0	434				
			SPZ	7.40	P ₀	2	57.7			1.2	5,074				
			SPT	7.96	L ₀					1.7	4,743				
			LPT		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ	1.70	L ₀					17.0	531				
CC-WA	Cascadia Tunnel, Washington	1224	SPZ	17.5	P ₀	2	42.6	2	41.04	0.7	(1,057)	(7.23)	(6.44) _{0.5}		
			SPZ	17.5	(P ₀)	3	24.4			1.0	557				
LA0	Tasarray AG-10, Quebec	1343	SPZ		P ₀	2	53.0	2	50.31	---	---				
			LP0		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ		L ₀					---	---				
UNSO	Julesburg Mountains Geological Observatory, Oklahoma	1824	SPZ-4	0.9	P	3	31.2	3	31.00	1.4	1,254	0.45	5.25 _{0.5}		
			SPZ-0	0.6	e	3	57.4			1.4	502				
			SPZ-0	0.9	P ₀	4	37.1			1.3	2,054				
			LP0	12.0	S	0	30			14.0	105				
			SP0	7.0	L ₀					1.6	6,381				
			LP0		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ		L ₀					---	---				
PB-BC	Prince George, British Columbia, Canada	1815	SPZ	14.5	P	4	03.0	4	03.16	1.4	3,571	4.50		2953.05	
			SPZ	14.5	PP	4	20.0			1.2	1,221				
			SP6	14.0	L ₀					2.2	850				
			SPT	12.5	L ₀					2.2	749				
			LP0	1.03*	L ₀					12.5	2,300				
			LPT	5.03*	L ₀					12.5	1,011				
			LPZ	1.40	L ₀					10.5	8,458				
BS-OB	Bad Lake, Ontario, Canada	2350	SPZ	14.3	P	4	40.0	4	40.56	1.3	2,354	0.40		1,075.00	
			SPZ	14.3	e	4	49.1			1.25	3,381				
			LP7	21.4	S	0	40			16.0	101				
			SPT	15.0	L ₀					2.0	1,039				
			LPT		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ	2.0	L ₀					10.0	234				
			LPZ		L ₀					---	---				
UN2VB	Whitehorse Yukon Territories, Canada	2513	SPZ	10.5	P	4	37.0	5	37.02	1.1	231	5.70		5,266.23	
			SPZ	10.5	e	6	43.0			0.9	140				
			SPZ	10.5	e	6	55.7			1.0	102				
			LP7	12.7	(S)	10	30			16.0	87.1				
			SPT	17.1	L ₀					(2.3)	(270)				
			LPT		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ	1.17	L ₀					14.0	4,324				
H6-BC	Huslia, Yukon	4080	SPZ	13.0	P	7	06.3	7	10.70	1.2	822	4.44		3,704.45	
			SPZ	13.0	e	7	10.5			0.0	146				
			SPT	14.5	L ₀					3.0	835				
			LP7		L ₀					---	---				
			LPZ	1.0	L ₀					15.0	511				
SV300	Schafferville, Quebec, Canada	4160	SPZ	24.4	P	7	15.4	7	16.22	1.1	901	0.10		7,577.83	
			SPZ	24.4	e	7	16.7			0.6	267				
			SPZ	24.4	PP	0	40.2			1.3	210				
			LP6	36.7	S	13	10			(22.0)	(10.3)				
			LP7	20.4	S	13	10			(22.0)	(36.4)				
			SP0	24.4	L ₀					2.2	451				
			SPT	23.2	L ₀					2.0	151				
			LP6	1.15*	L ₀					14.0	600				
			LPT	1.20*	L ₀					14.0	713				
			LPZ	3.20	L ₀					15.0	1,945				

S/T No./sec
 () Doubtful Values or Phases
 --- Maximum Amplitude Clipped
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 ** Recorded on Film; Tape Not
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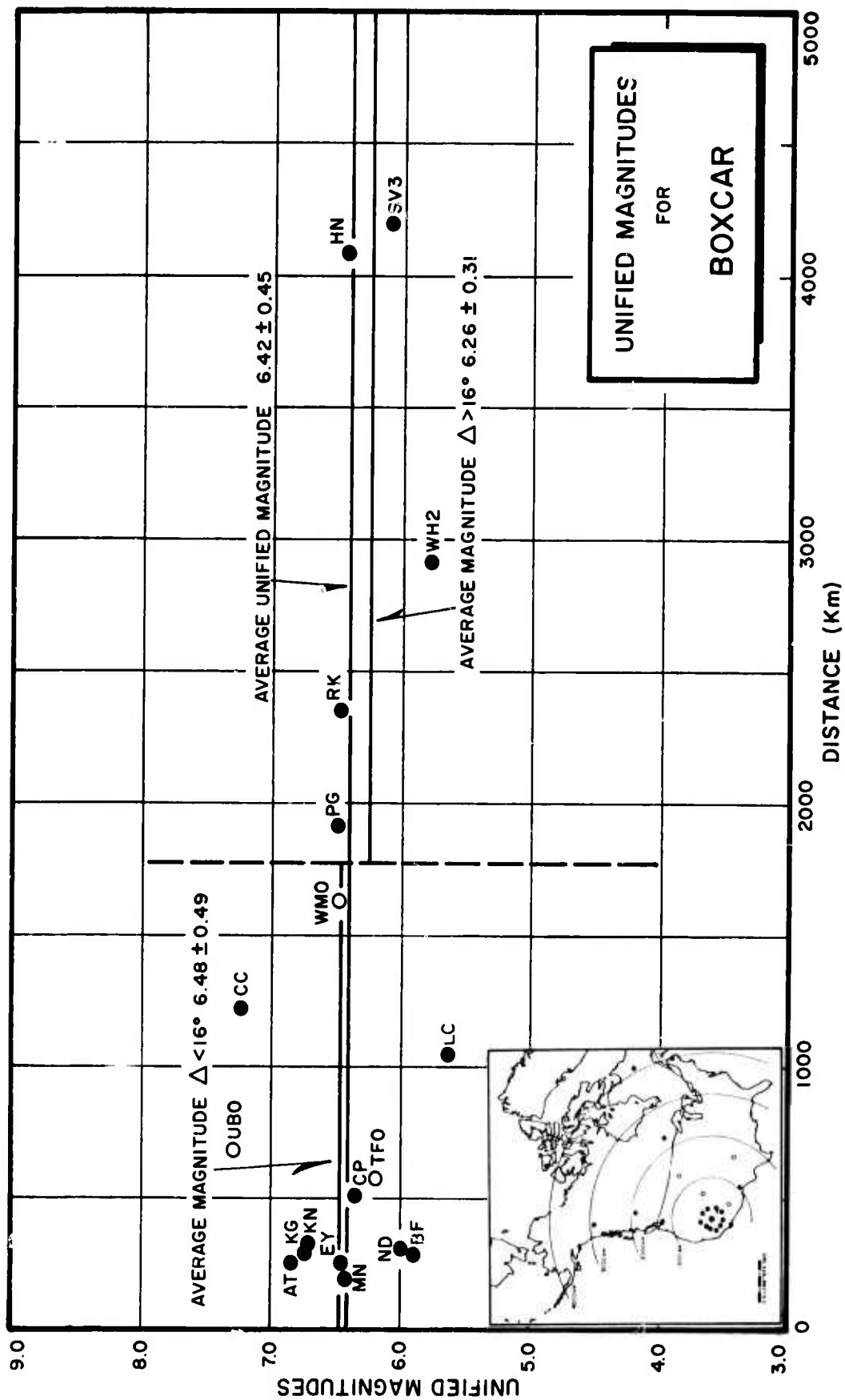


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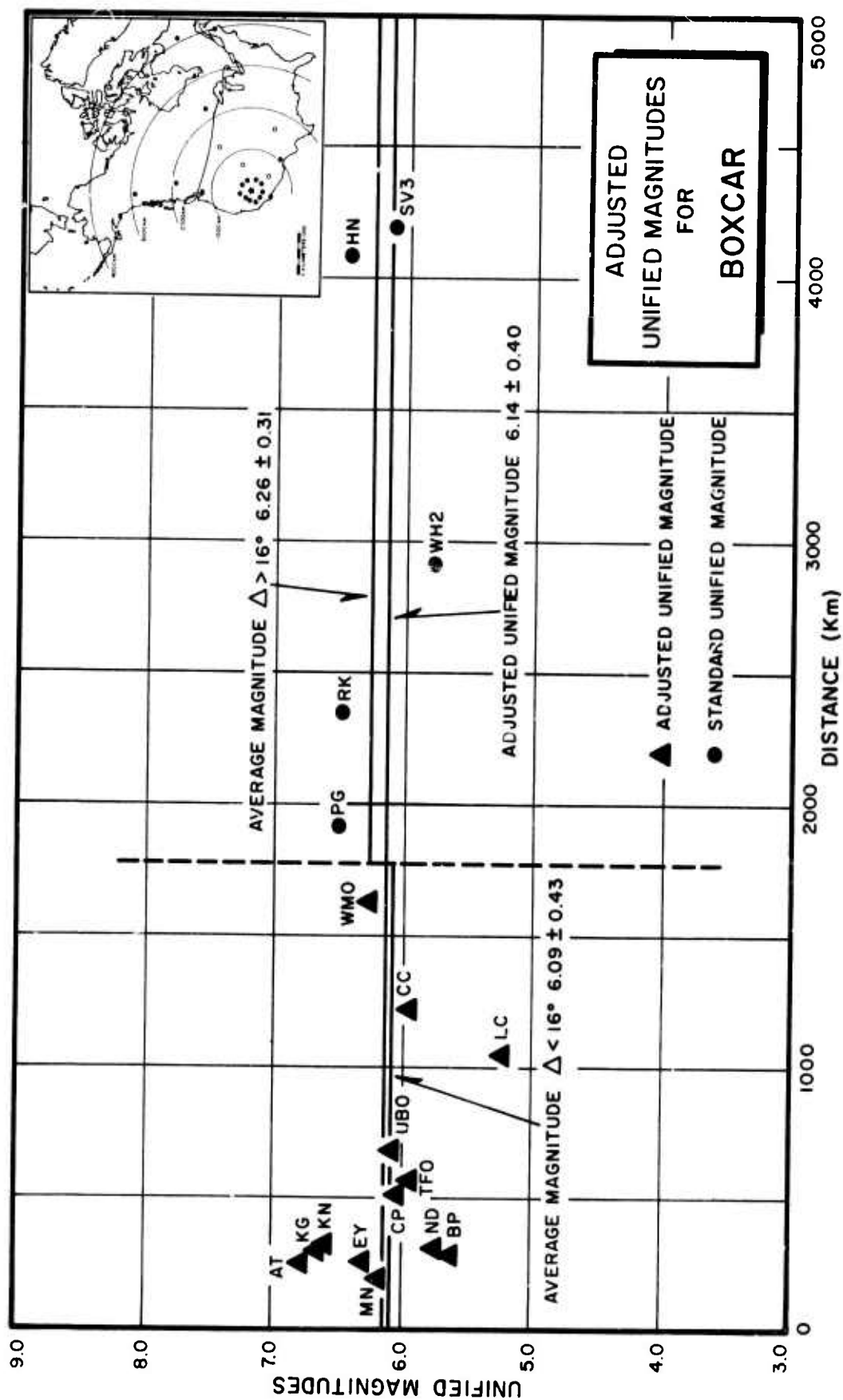


Figure 3

UNIFIED MAGNITUDES FROM P_n or P WAVES

Unified Magnitude: $m = \log_{10} (A/T), + B$

A = zero to peak ground motion in millimicrons
 $= \frac{(\text{mm}) (1000)}{K}$

T = signal period in seconds

B = distance factor (see Table below)

mm = record amplitude in millimeters,
 zero to peak

K = magnification in thousands,
 at signal frequency

Table of Distance Factors (B) for Zero Depth

<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>
0°	-	27°	3.5	54°	3.8	80°	3.7
1	-	28	3.6			81	3.8
2	2.2	29	3.6	55	3.8	82	3.9
3	2.7			56	3.8	83	4.0
4	3.1	30	3.6	57	3.8	84	4.0
		31	3.7	58	3.8		
5	3.4	32	3.7	59	3.8	85	4.0
6	3.6	33	3.7			86	3.9
7	3.8	34	3.7	60	3.8	87	4.0
8	4.0			61	3.9	88	4.1
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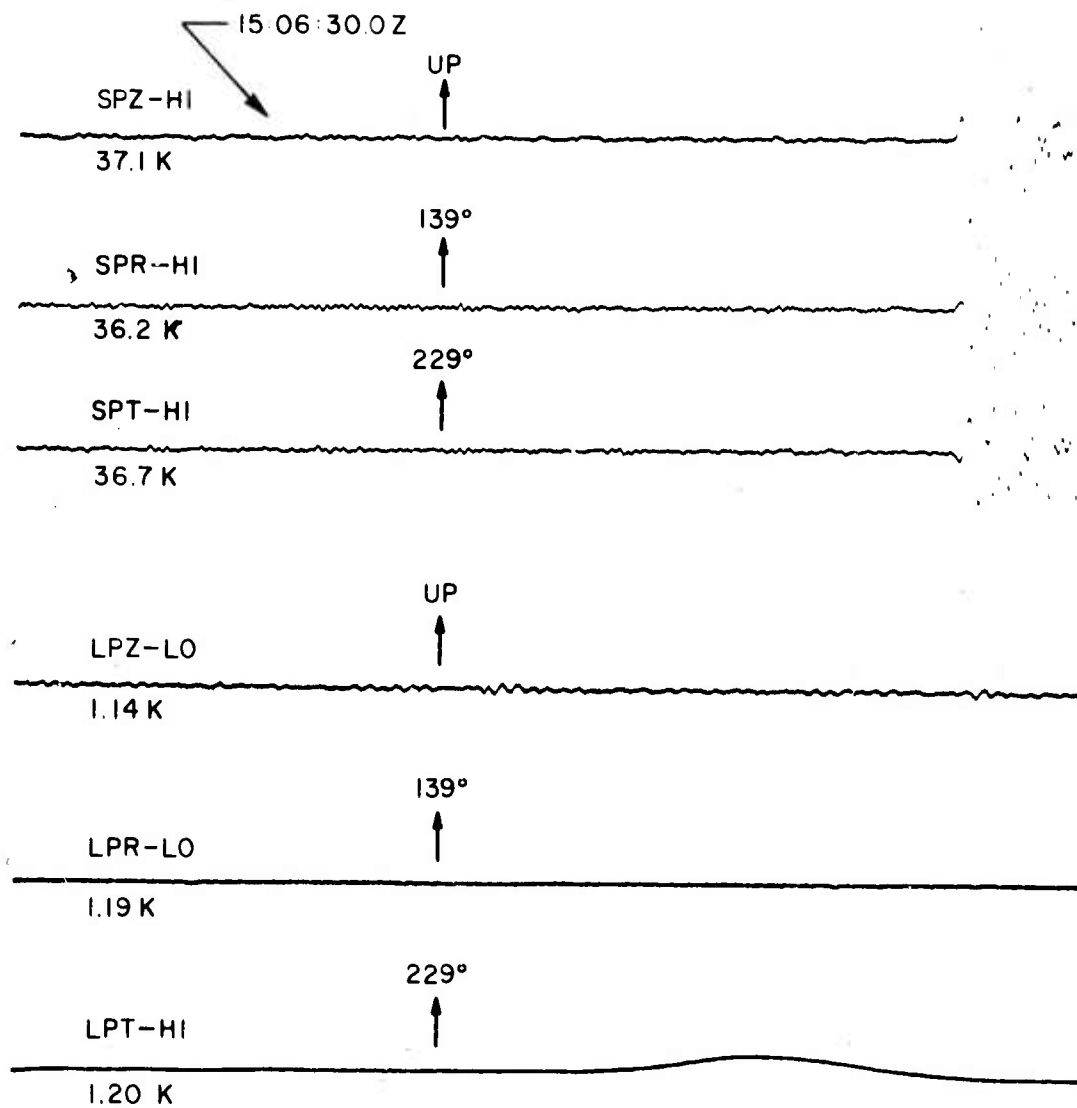
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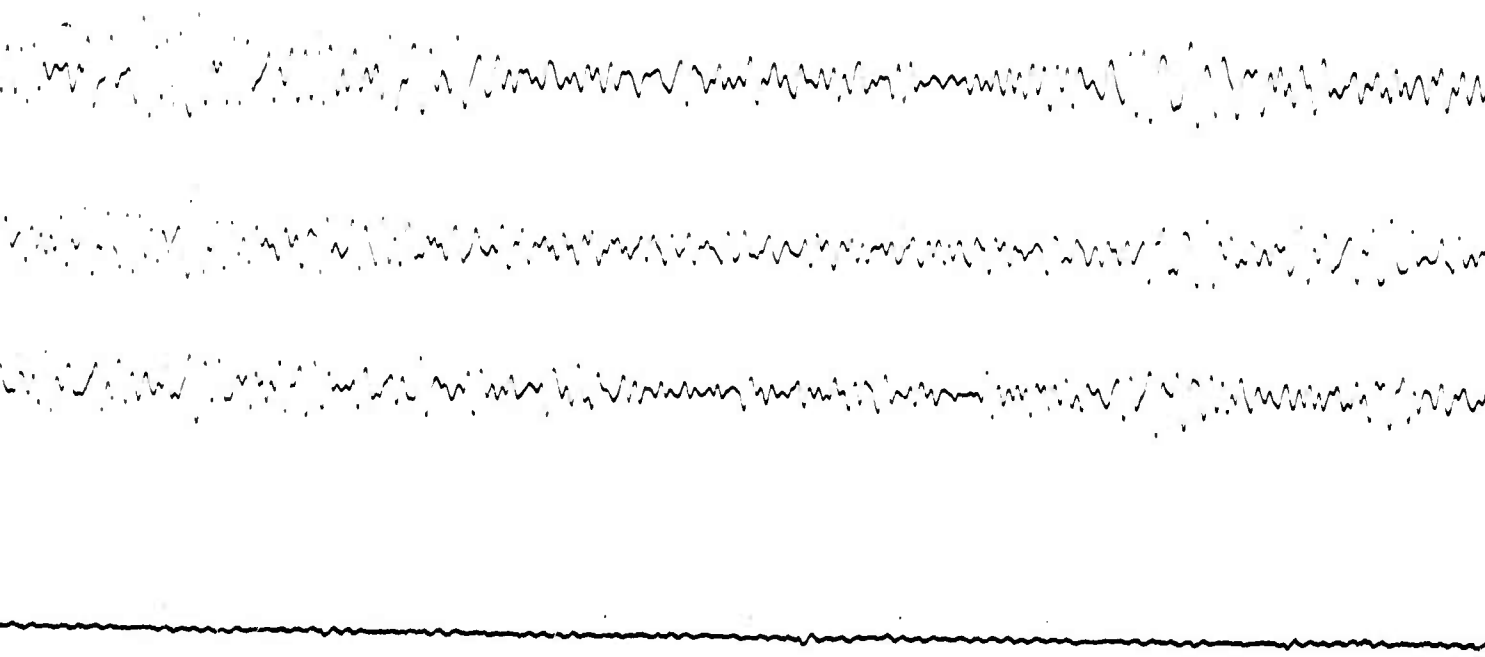
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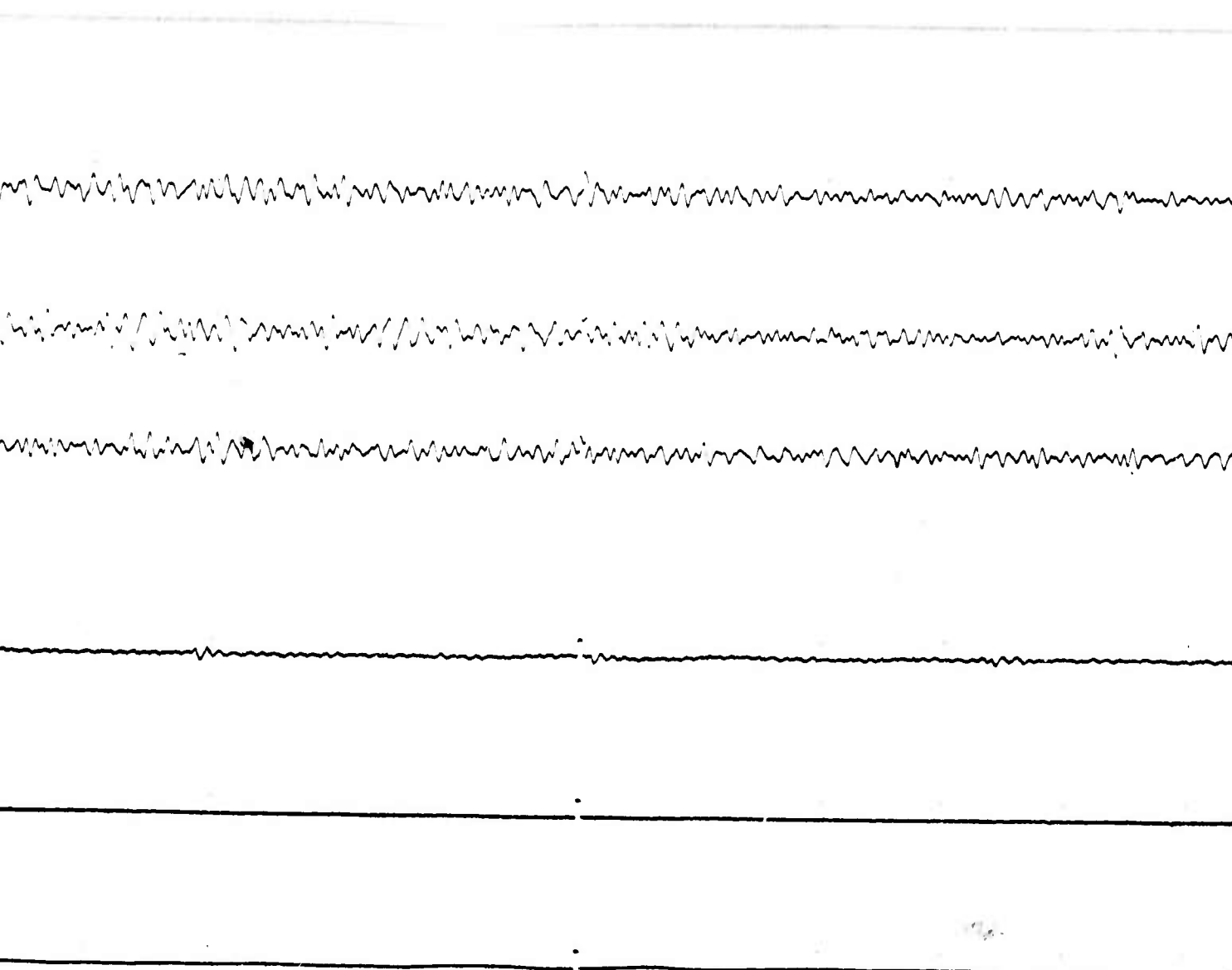
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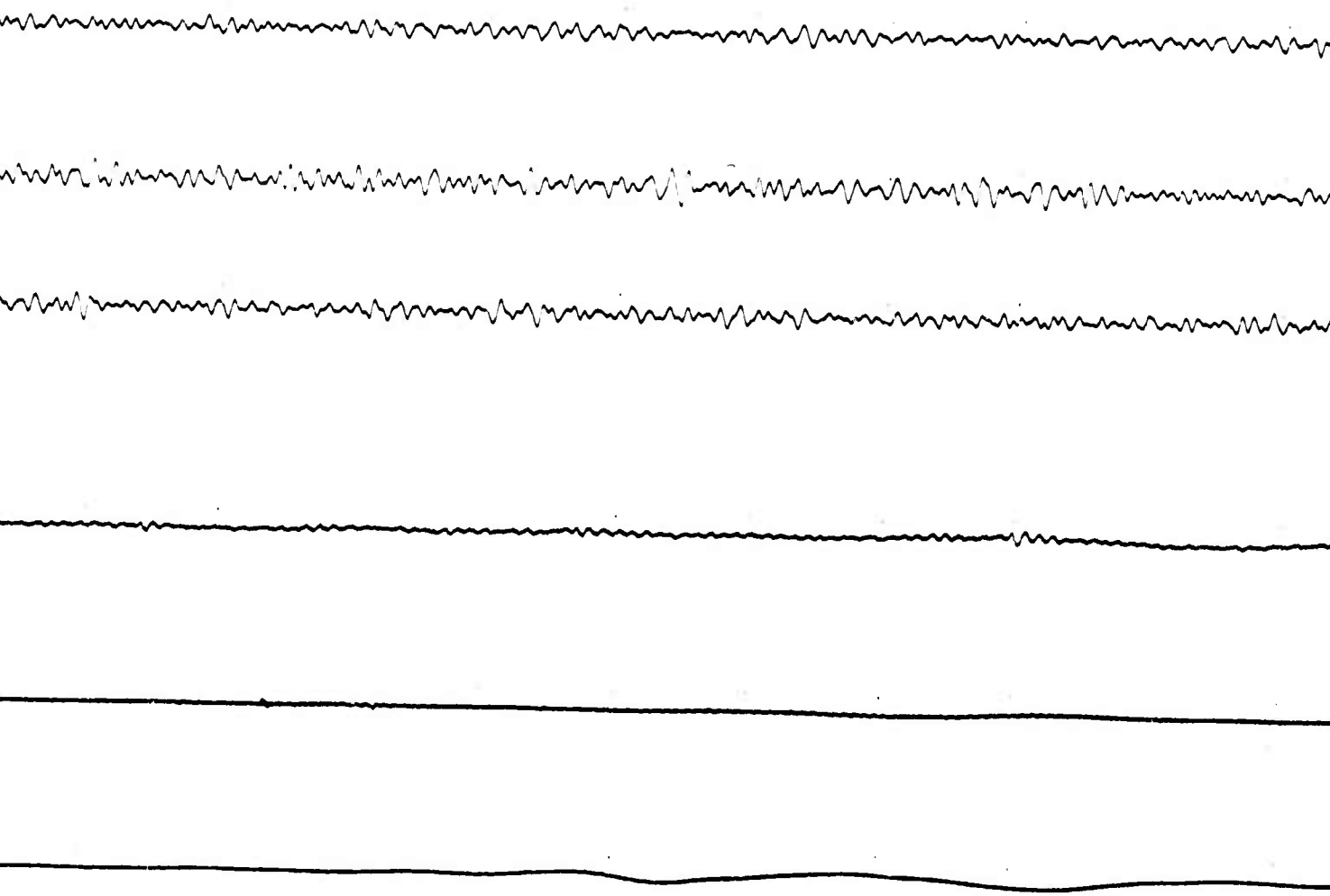
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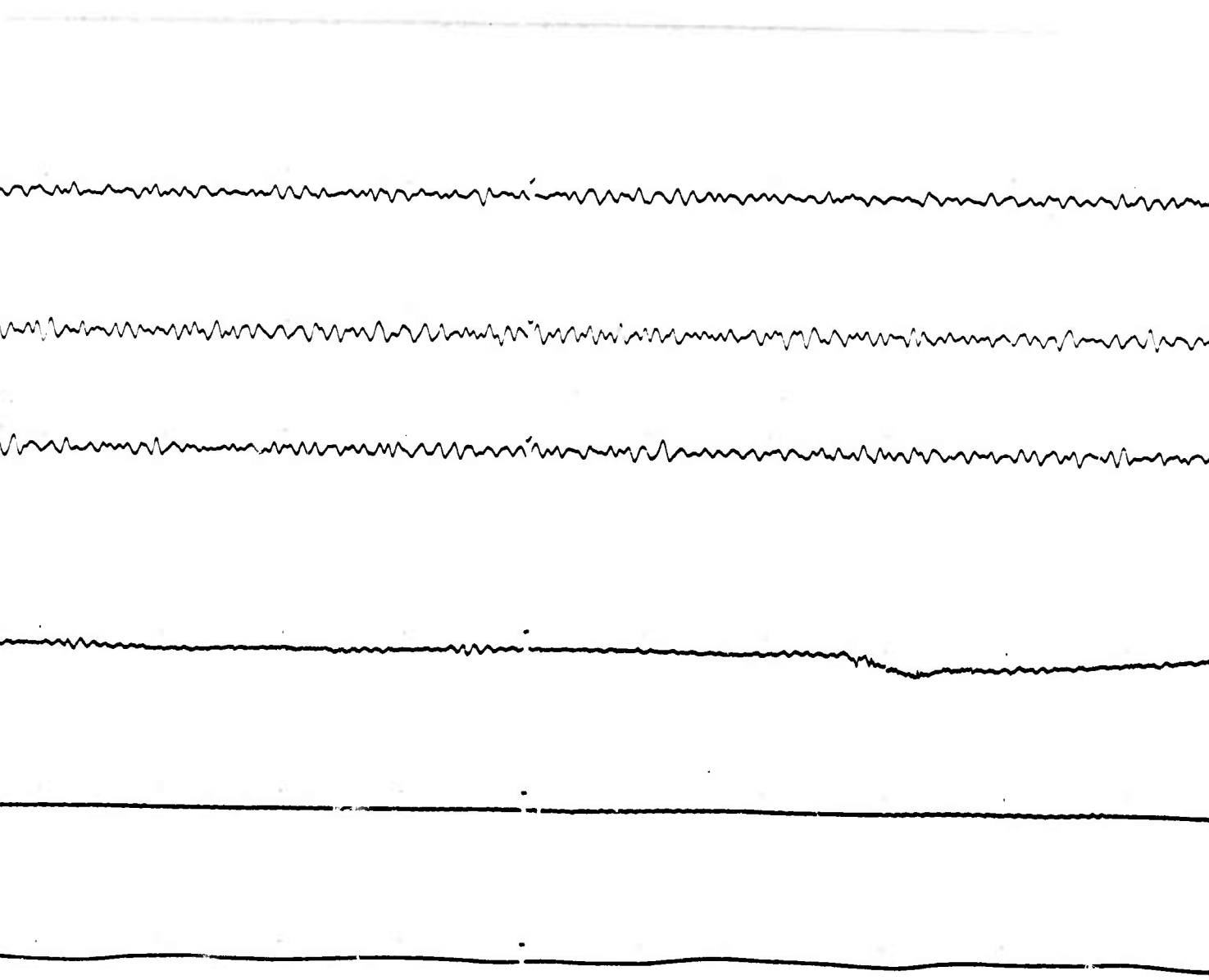
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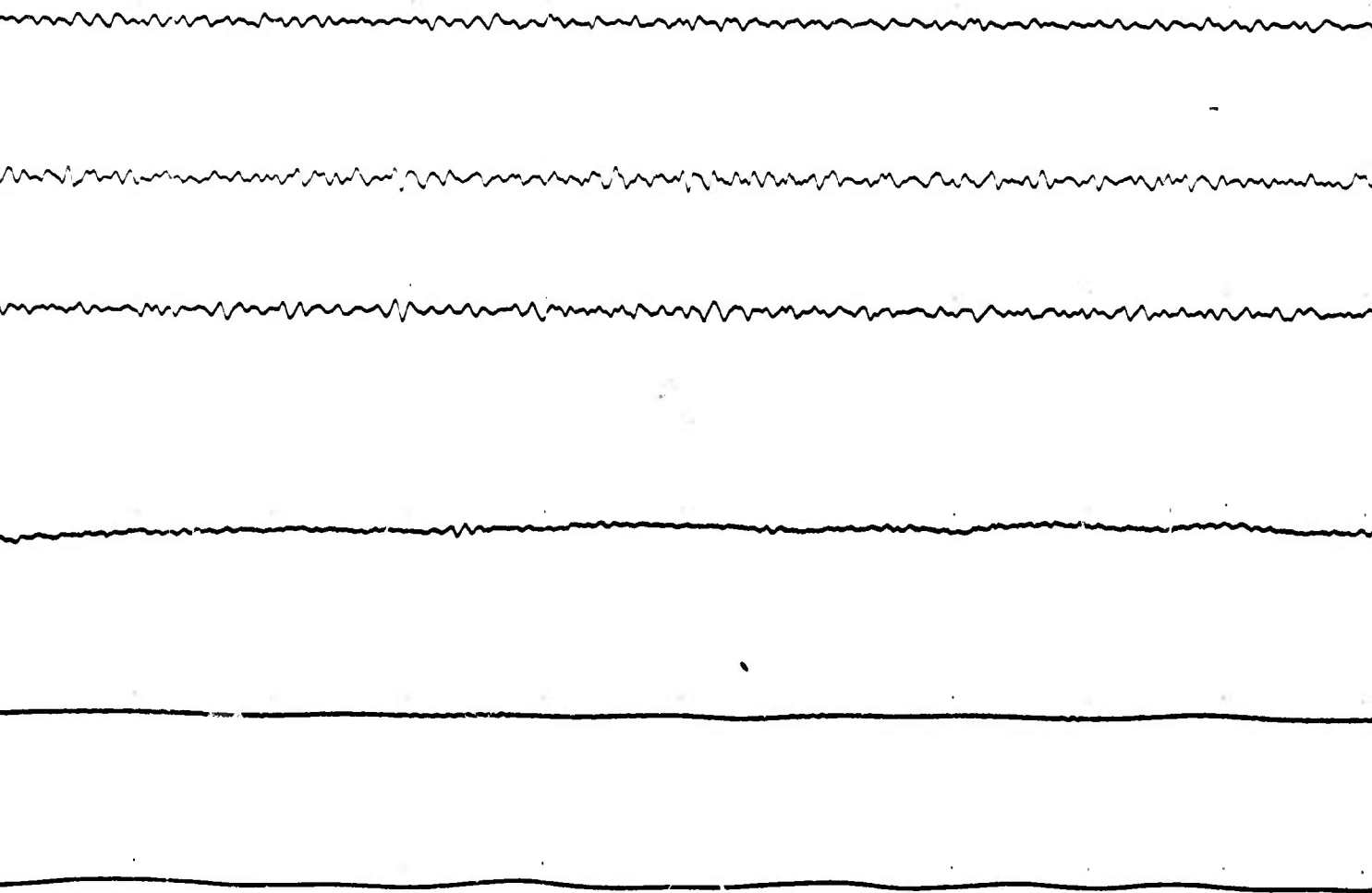
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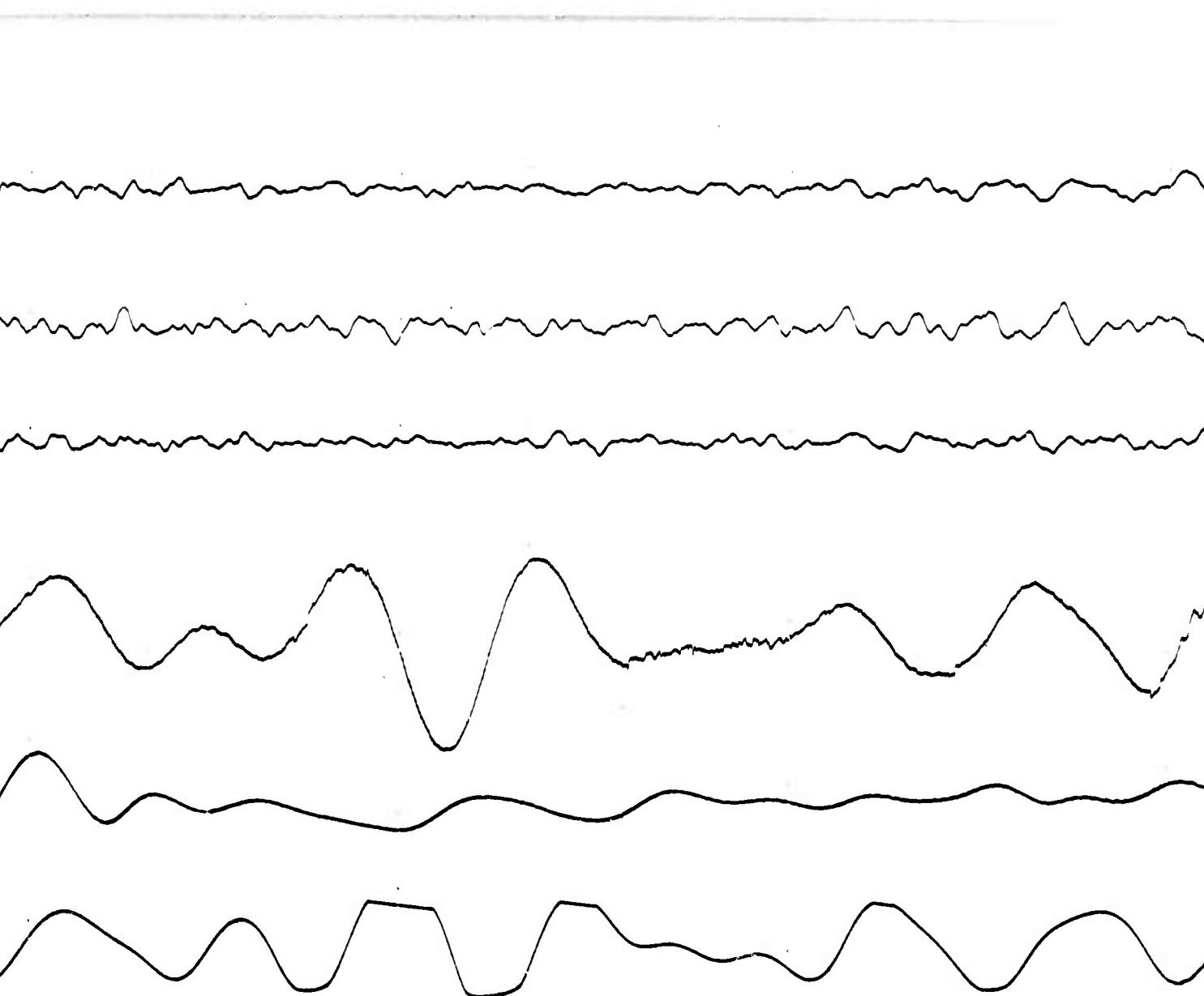
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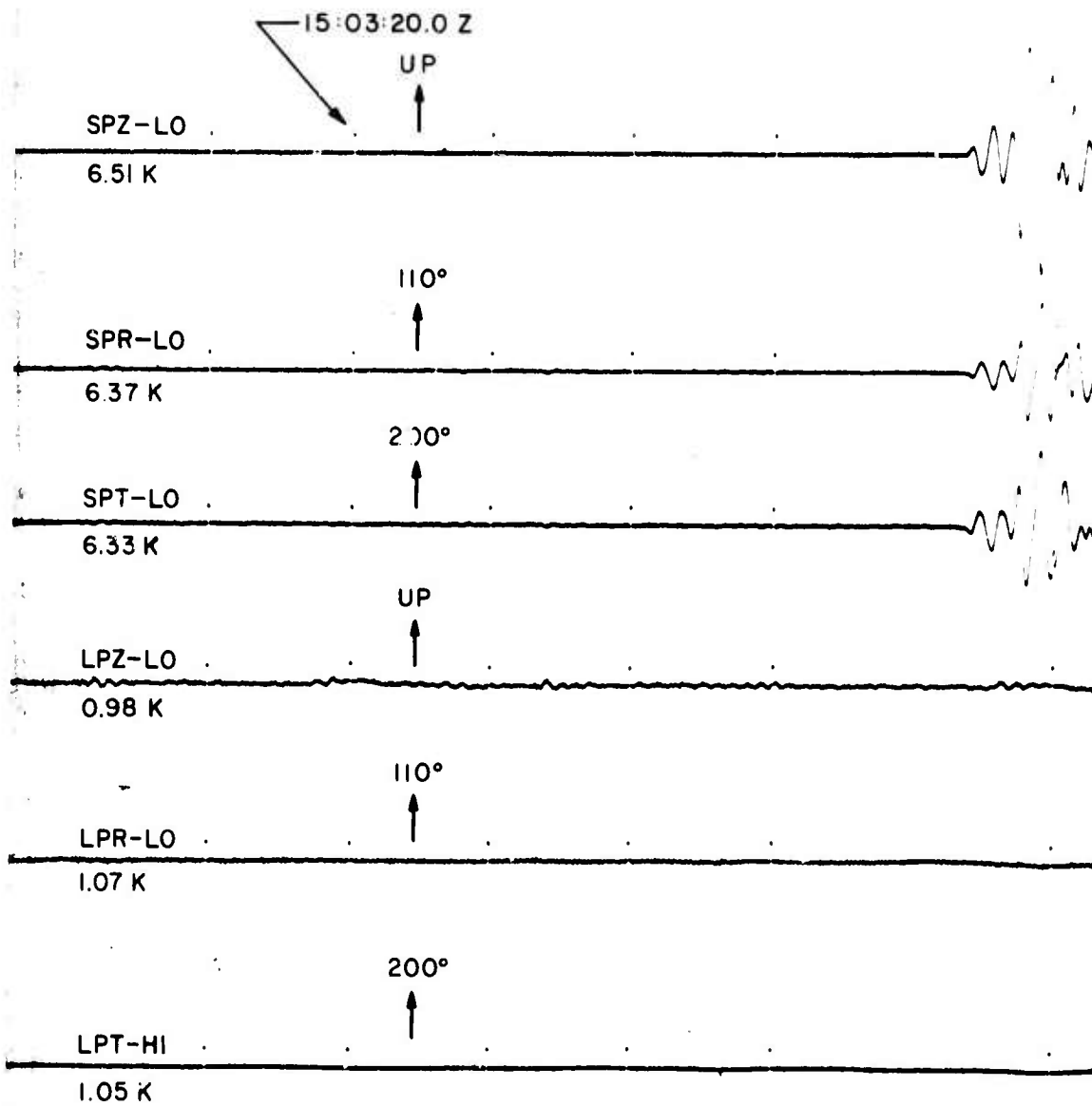
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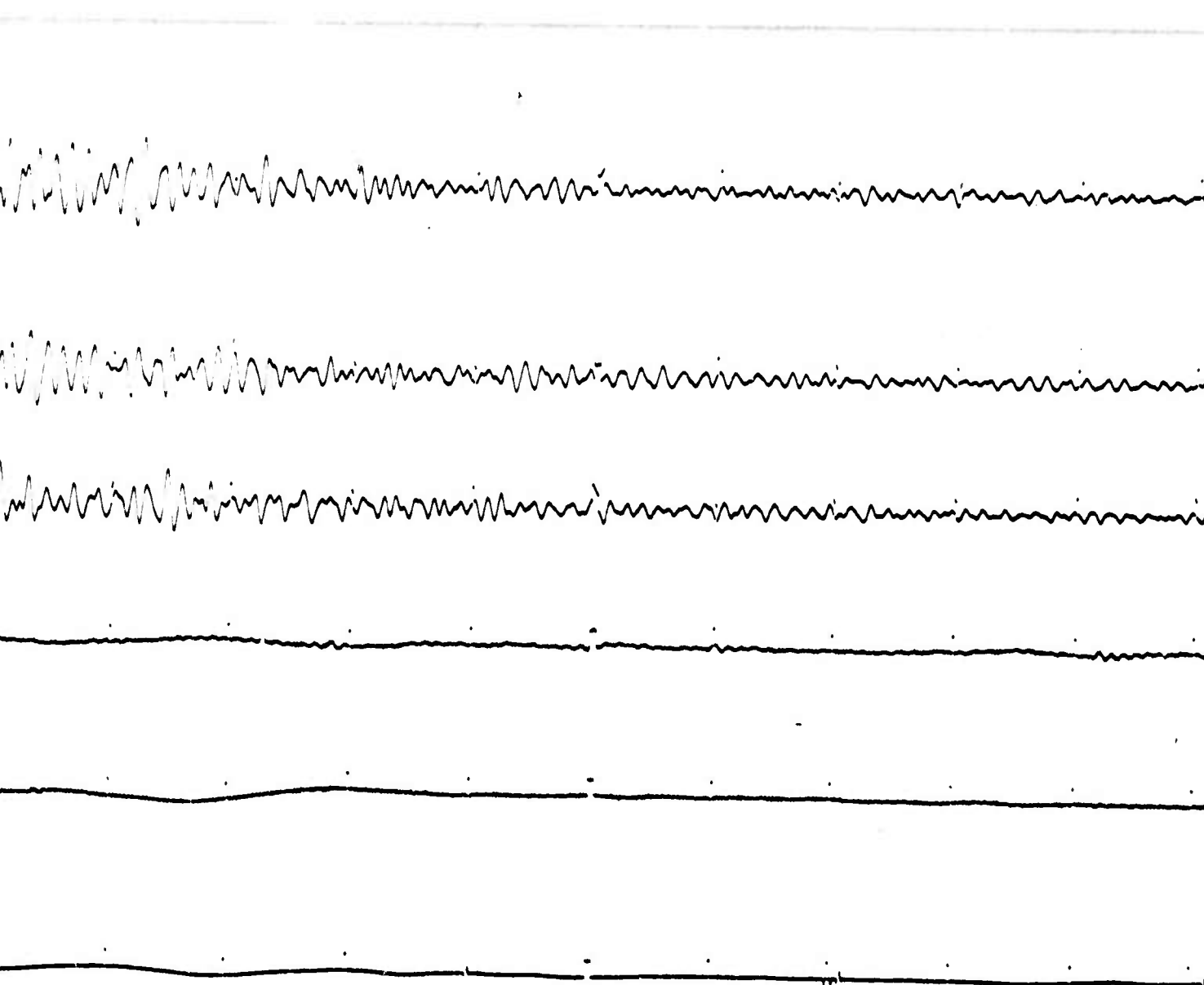
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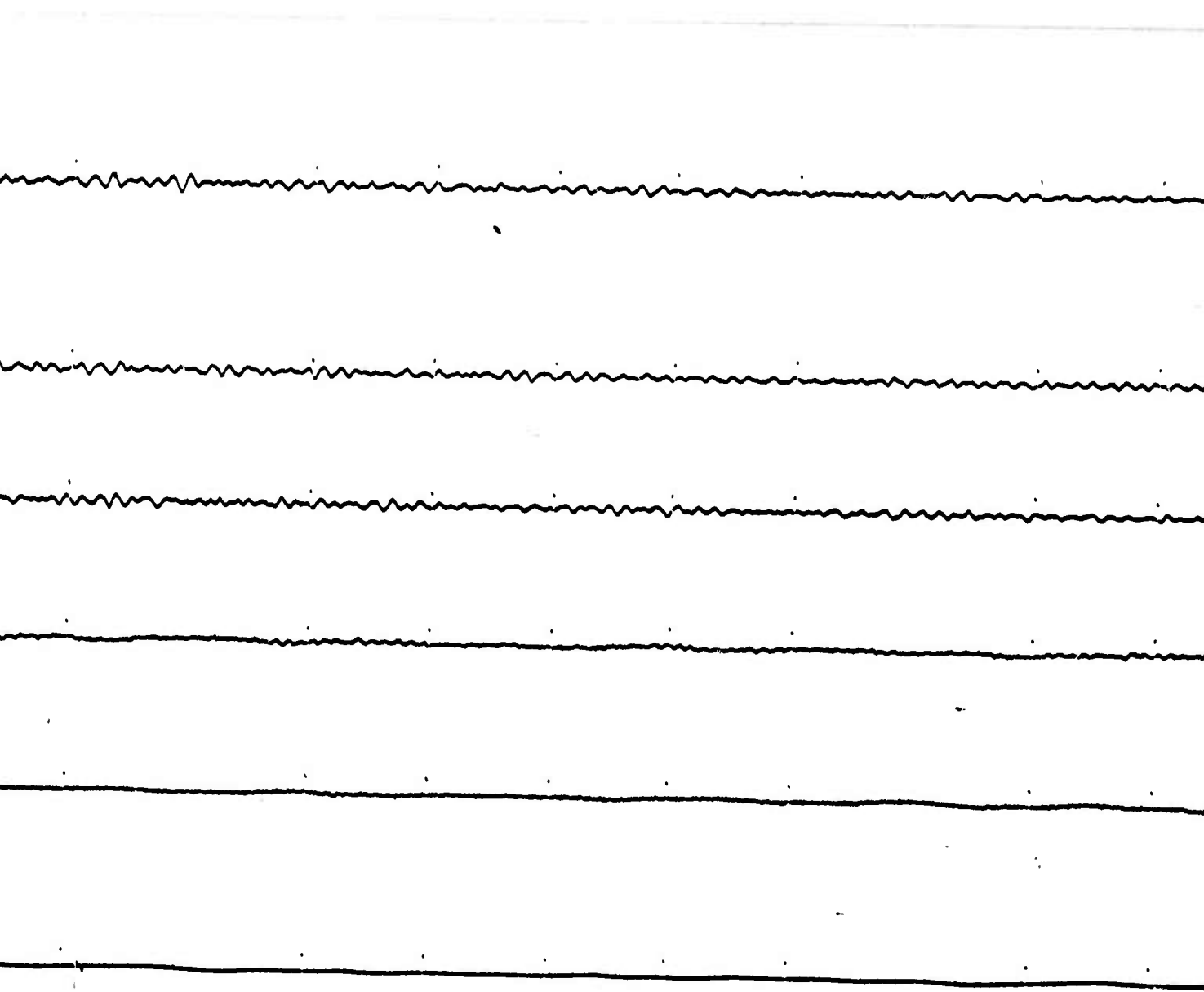
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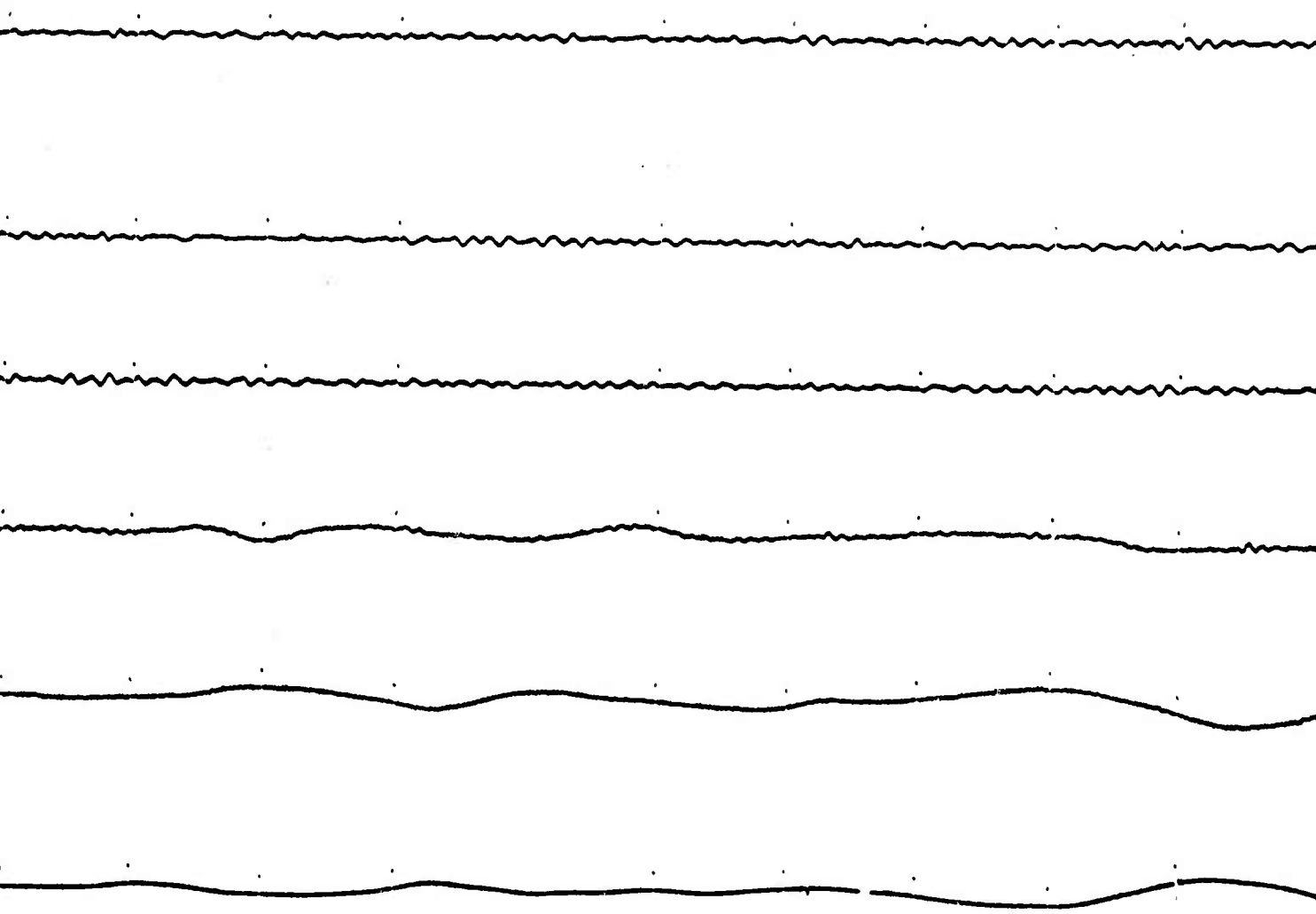




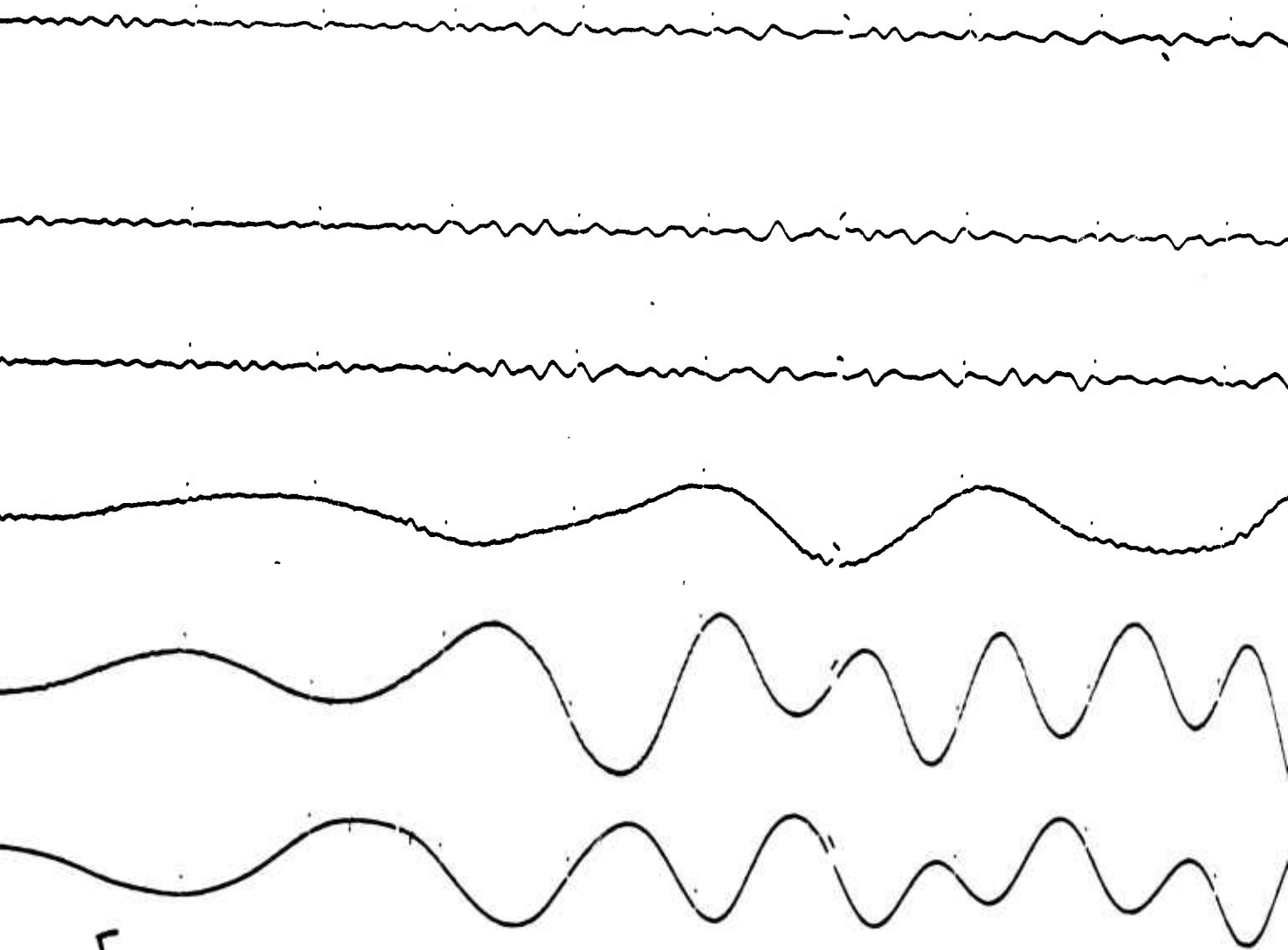
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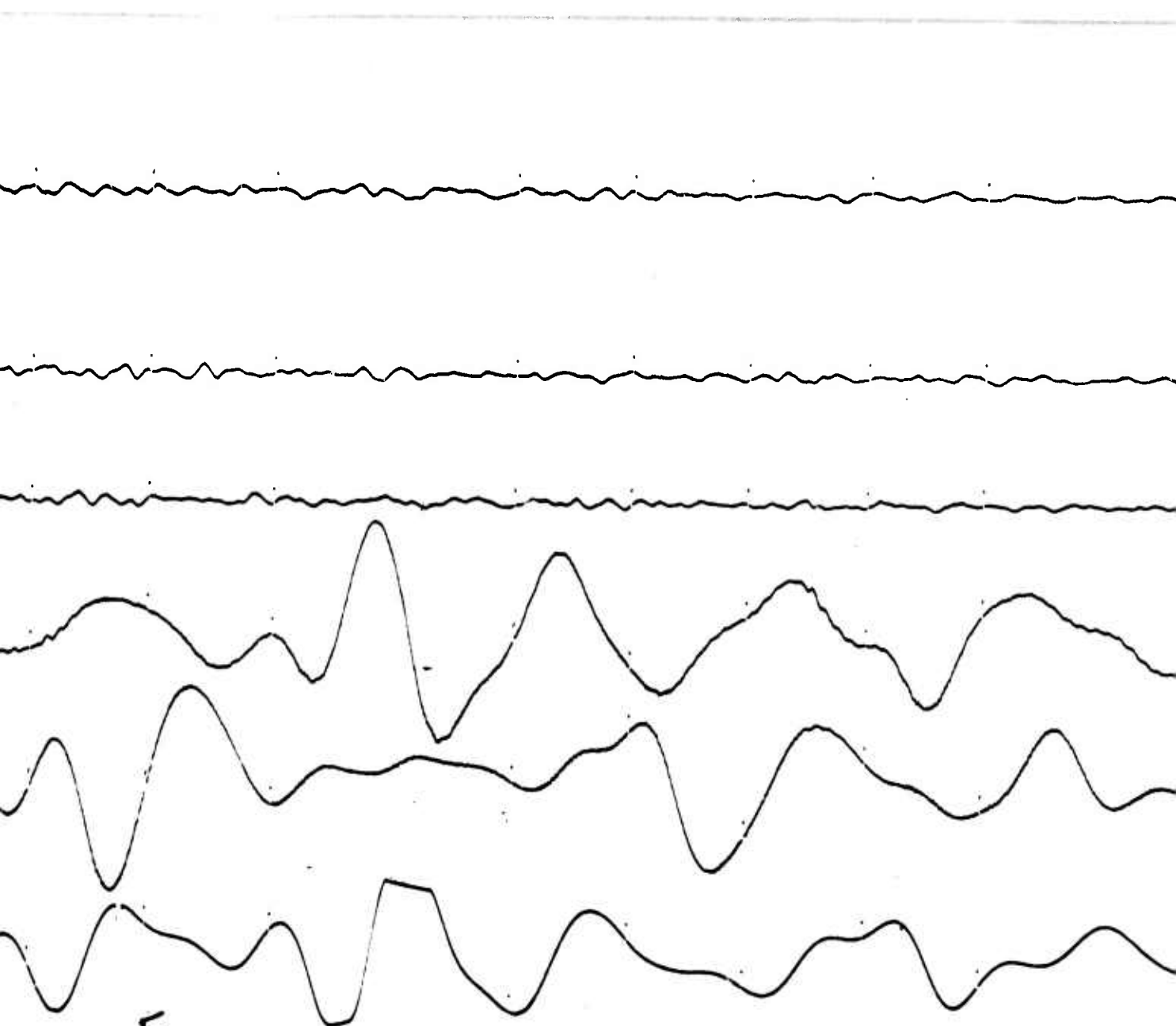
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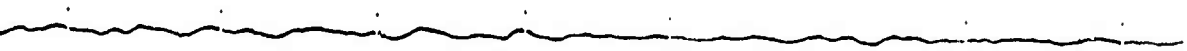
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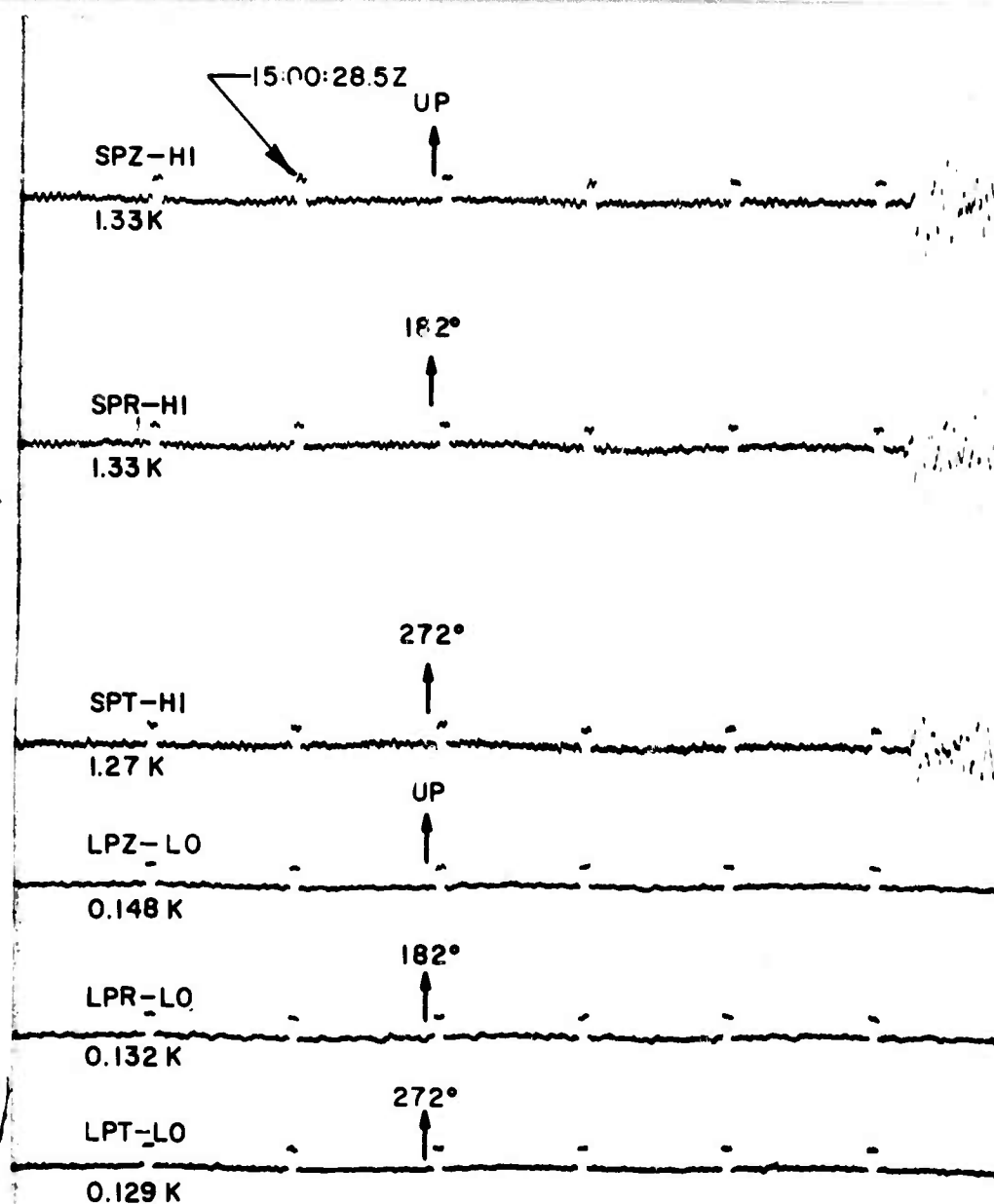
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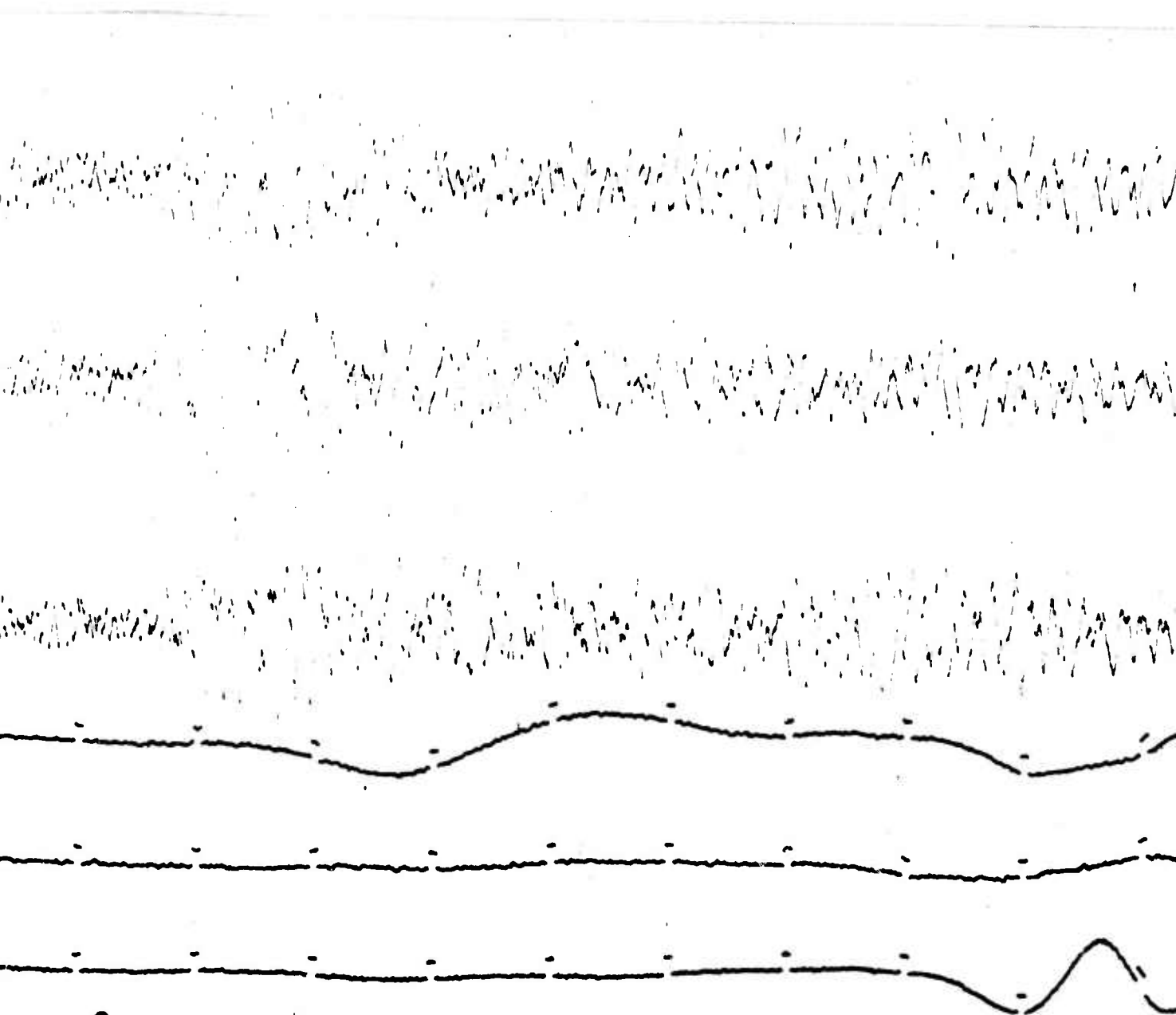
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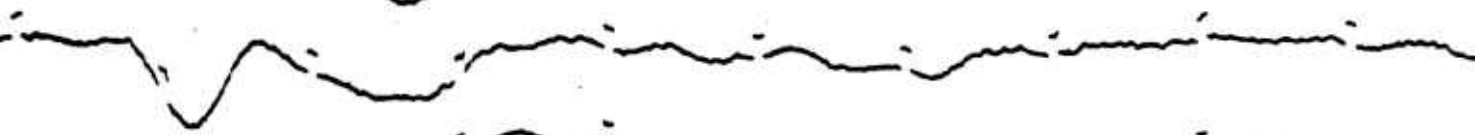
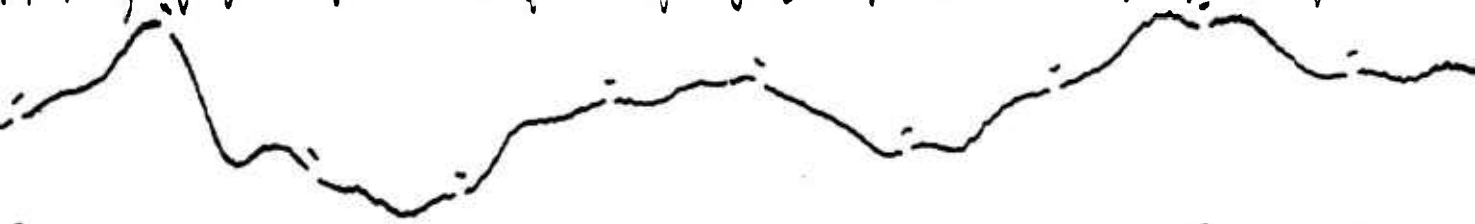
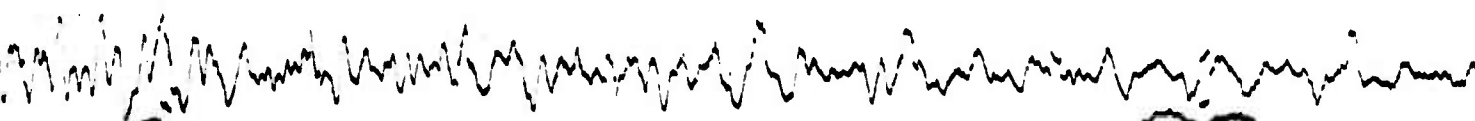
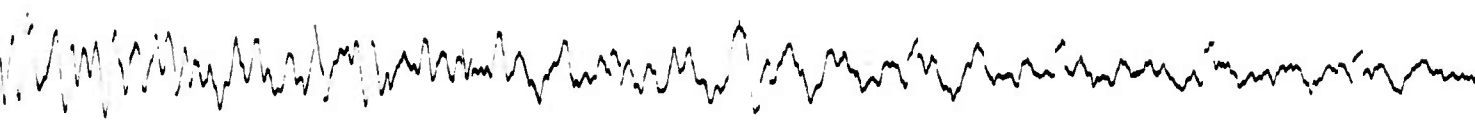
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